

ORDINANCE NO: 54**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS**

The Town Board of the Town of Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, pursuant to § 60.61 and 60.62 Wisconsin Statutes does ordain as follows with regard to its Town Ordinances:

54.1 Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote and enhance the health, fire protection, comfort, aesthetics, prosperity and overall positive quality growth of the Town by providing uniform regulation of the use of portable storage containers. The purpose is not to ban trailers that are being used to transport snowmobiles, sporting equipment, racecars, farm equipment or other recreational vehicles.

54.2 Definition

Unless otherwise indicated, the following term used in this ordinance shall be deemed for the purpose of this ordinance to have the meaning hereinafter set forth:

- A. Portable storage container: A portable, weather-resistant receptacle designed and used for the storage or shipment of household goods, wares, building material or merchandise. No portable storage container shall have dimensions greater than twenty feet (20') in length, eight feet (8') in width or height. Storage capacity shall be no greater than one thousand two hundred eighty (1280) cubic feet.

54.3 Residential Districts

- A. No more than one (1) portable storage container on a lot at any given time without the express permission of the Town.
- B. No storage container can obstruct traffic vision when parked on residential property.
- C. All portable storage containers in use on a lot shall be in a condition free from rust, peeling paint and other visible forms of deterioration.
- D. During construction, a portable storage container may be used to store on site tools and materials to be used. The portable storage container must be removed within thirty (30) days of completion or cessation of construction.
- E. The use of a storage device is permitted for a period of not more than thirty (30) days per dwelling unit for the purpose of moving.

54.4 Agricultural Districts

- A. On lots on which the principal use is a bona fide agricultural activity, there shall be no restriction upon the use of portable storage containers in connection with such agricultural activity. On lots where the principal use is other than agricultural, residential requirements will apply.

54.5 Recreational Districts

- A. When used in connection with bona fide construction activity on the site and for an additional period of twenty-four (24) hours before and after such activity, portable storage containers shall be allowed without limitations as to the number of portable storage containers.
- B. Portable storage containers shall be allowed for a period not exceeding sixteen (16) days when used in connection with the moving or relocation of a building located, or to be located, on the site.

54.6 Commercial and Manufacturing Districts

- A. Portable storage containers may be allowed pursuant to a Conditional Use Permit.

54.7 Permits

- A. All portable storage containers in all districts shall be permitted. The permits shall be issued by the Zoning Administrator and shall be at a cost of twenty dollars (\$20) per zoning lot on which one or more containers are to be located on site for longer than fifteen (15) days. Permits shall be displayed on the outside of the container in such manner as to be plainly visible from the street.

54.8 Penalties

- A. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provisions of this section shall be subject to the permit fee and additional penalties as listed in Ordinance 39 "Schedule of Fees and Forfeitures" together with the costs of prosecution.

54.9 Fee Schedule

- A. A fee per Ordinance 39 "Schedule of Fees and Forfeitures" shall be paid by the person requesting the permit or variance to the building inspector or authorized deputy at the time of filing.

54.10 Grandfather Clause

- A. Any person, firm, or corporation with a storage container on property as of June 1, 2008 shall come into compliance within 60 days or be subject to penalties.

This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and publication as provided by law.

HISTORY

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